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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir,

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2003 for the above captioned application, kindly amend the case as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claim 4; and

## Rewrite Claims 24 and 25 as follows:

--24. (Amended) The adsorption powder according to Claim 1, wherein the metals are selected from mercury, lead, nickel, zinc, copper, arsenic, cadmium and combinations thereof.--; and

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, ON THE DATE APPEARING BELOW.

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